



Pennsylvania Distributes P2 and Growing Green Loans and Grants

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced the distribution of low-interest loans to help four small businesses prevent pollution and conserve energy, as well as \$3.6M in Growing Greener grants for watershed protection and abandoned mine reclamation projects. Loans worth \$150,000 from the Pollution Prevention Assistance Account, a program designed to promote small businesses' investment in pollution prevention equipment and energy efficiency, were given to the following small businesses: Ever Green Coatings LLC (Reading, PA); Custom Coatings Northeast (State College, PA); McGregor Construction (Millcreek Township, PA); and Reynoldsville Casket (Reynoldsville, PA). Companies with fewer than 100 employees are eligible for loans of up to \$50,000. For more information about the Pollution Prevention Assistance Account loans, contact April L. Hutcheson at (717) 787-1323. The DEP also awarded over \$3.6M in Growing Greener grants for 26 watershed protection and abandoned mine reclamation projects in 35 Pennsylvanian counties. DEP is currently reviewing new applications for Growing Greener Grants, and by the February 11 deadline, the agency had received nearly 800 applications. The Growing Greener program is investing nearly \$650M in preserving farmland and protecting open space; eliminating the maintenance backlog in state parks and state forests; cleaning up abandoned mines and restoring watersheds; providing funds for greenways, trails and community parks; helping communities address land use; and providing new and upgraded water and sewer systems. For more information on the Growing Greener program, visit <http://www.GrowingGreener.org>, or call Tek Kopas at (717) 783-0908.